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MINUTES

**GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING
September 9, 2021
GRAFTON SENIOR CENTER CRAFT ROOM**

A meeting of the GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING was held on September 9, 2021, at 1:00 pm in the GRAFTON SENIOR CENTER CRAFT ROOM.

Members present were: William Drago, Chairman, William Cutler, Vice Chairman, Peter Shay, June Enos, Nina Whiting, Ann Allia and Annette McCarthy

Absent: Marsha Platt (FOGE)

Also present: Barbara Connelly, Senior Center Director

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by William Drago, Chairman

All members present reviewed the Secretary's minutes of July 8, 2021. A motion to accept as written was made by Bill Cutler and seconded by Annette McCarthy. All voted in favor. There were no nays or abstentions.

The Director's Report was reviewed by Barbara Connelly. June Enos suggested a revision to the date of the Lion's Club Senior Cookout at the Lion's Club Pavilion from September 13 to September 16 at 3:30 pm. The Grafton Select Board and Town Administrator will have coffee, pastry and conversation on September 30 and all were urged to attend. On October 28 there will be a Crazy Hat Drive-thru Luncheon. Menu on that date will include Terrifying Tacos and Spooky Spanish Rice. Nina Whiting suggested that photos be taken of all hats to judge later.

There was a discussion of problems in the Senior Center parking lot during the Grafton High School's dismissal each day. Many parents are pulling through the lot and students are running to their car. The Town Administrator was notified of this concern and will discuss it with the School Administrator.

Transportation ridership has increased. In August the Senior Center provided 484 rides compared to August 2020 (during the COVID pandemic) when 125 rides were given. July 2021 had 393 rides given.

Barbara mention that a 65" flat screen TV will be mounted on a wall in the Bolack Room which will be used for major events and for Bingo calling when Bingo returns.

Annette McCarthy made a motion to approve the Director's Report. Peter Shay seconded that motion. There were no nays or abstentions

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A NO SHOW policy will be instituted on October 1, 2021. If any senior who signs up for an event, does not call to cancel or is a No Show for two or more times, they will be banned from attending any other event during the same year. All COA members approved the new policy.
2. Ann Allia asked if the Blood Pressure Clinic could be moved to 11:30. The Director said this was not possible at this time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Annette McCarthy, seconded by Peter Shay. There were no nays or abstentions. The meeting adjourned to 1:25 pm

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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